

PERFINS ON KGV HIGH VALUE SEAHORSE STAMPS

Two letters on exactly the same lines have been written to me in the last few weeks. I am not a Solomon, so I print them both in the hope that members will respond to one of the letters and the two writers will liaise with each other and produce a combined article for a future Bulletin from their findings.

FROM IAN HAMILL

"It has been suggested to me that the best way to do some research on perfin dies on GV Seahorse stamps is to write a short piece in the Bulletin.

"I am seeing this as a long term project and I have no idea what, if anything, of note will come from this study.

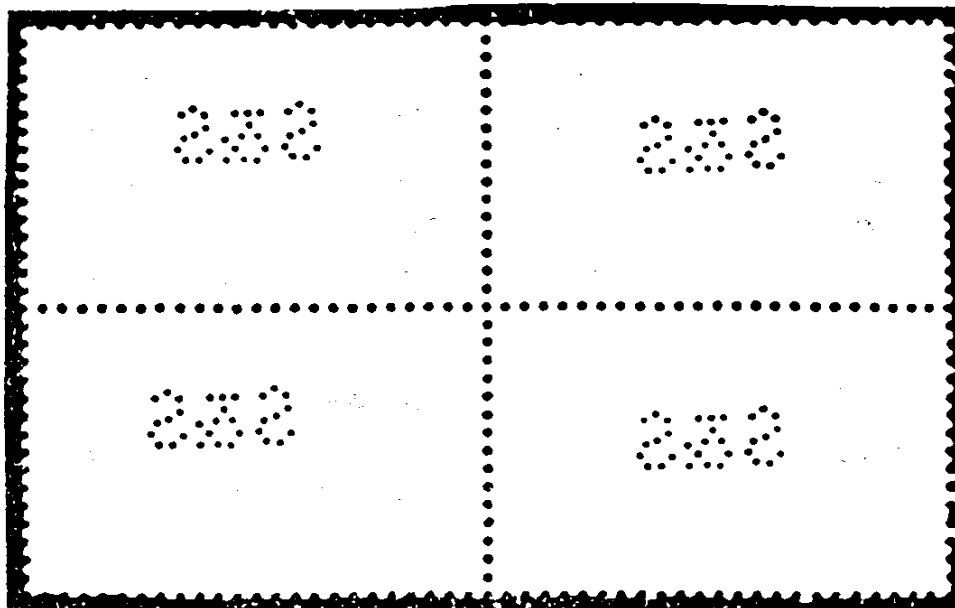
"I illustrate some of the more interesting varieties that I have come across so far. It is unclear whether the dies would be single headed or multiple headed, but at the moment it looks like a 50:50 split. I suspect there are more single headed dies but that may be simply the expectations based on my own collection.

"What is one to make of S5840.01? Did someone really bother to feed the stamps in one way and then again face downwards? We have some mirror images and apparently some multi-headed dies such as P3910.03 but are all the stamps with two die impressions examples of multi-headed dies?

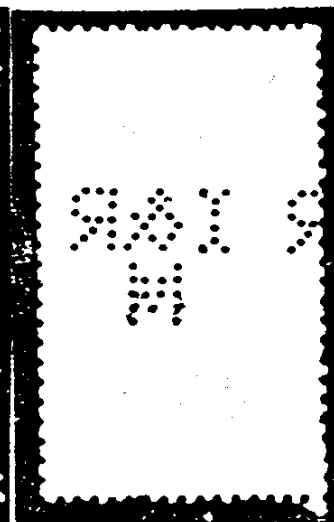
"The information I thought I would need would be:-

- (i) Die Type
- (ii) Stamp Value
- (iii) Whether there were one or two die strikes
- (iv) Stamp printer (Waterlow, De La Rue, Bradbury, Re-engraved)
- (v) Any other useful information e.g. Covers, mirror image etc.
- (vi) Photocopy if possible

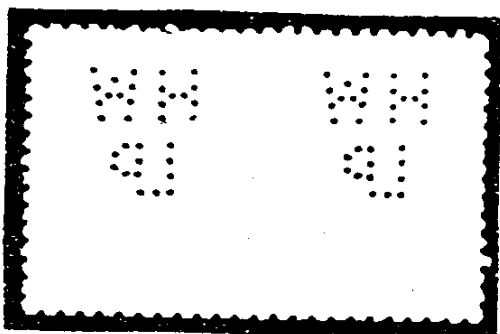
"I will be happy to provide any correspondents and the society with results of any findings and a list of the recorded perfins. We might seem a long way from civilisation down under but we do have a postal service and other forms of communication and I would be happy to collate any information I receive at 113 Warrington St., St. Albans, Christchurch, New Zealand."



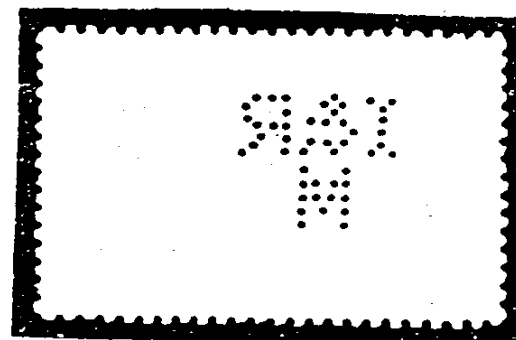
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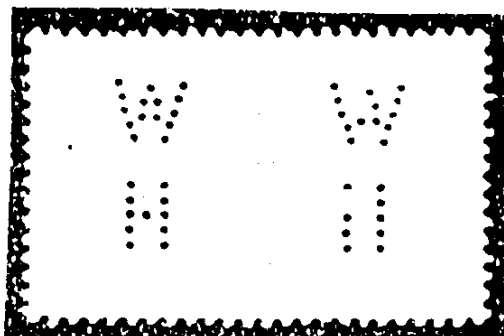
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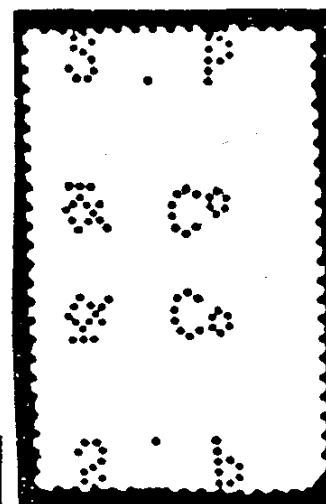
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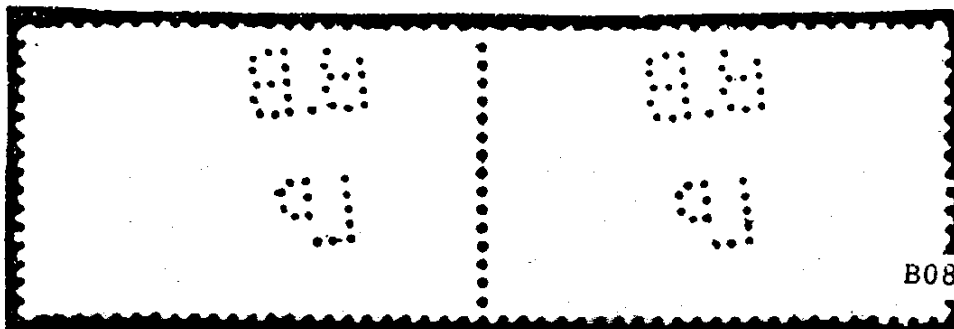
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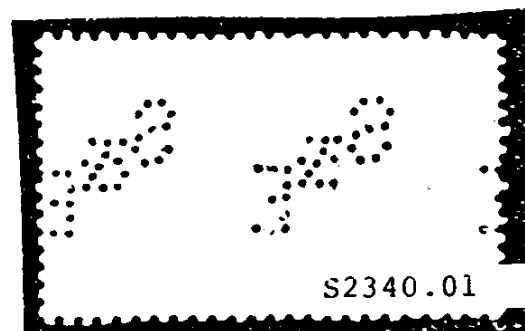
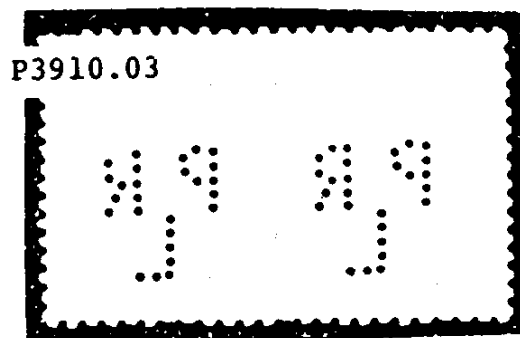
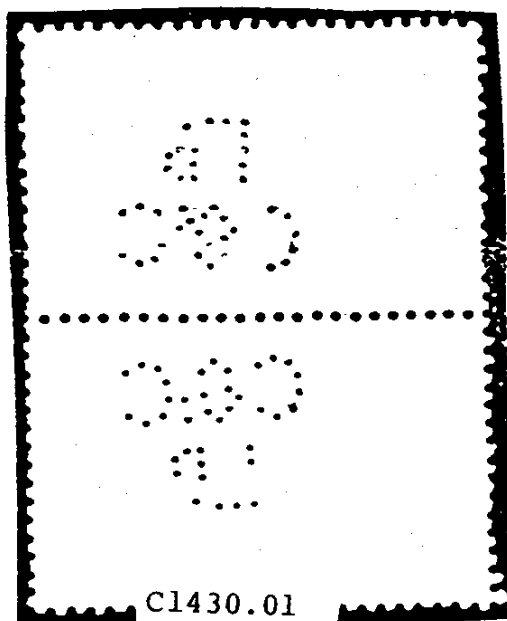
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FROM P. TUCKEY

"I have developed an interest in KGV Seahorse stamps, of which : have 11 but I know of 44 different dies. I am keen to build on this, so if this has not already been done I would be only too pleased to take on the task. If any members who have copies of these stamps would like to send me the details I will collate a list and eventually circulate it for interested members.

"As these stamps are not always easy to distinguish between the 4 different printings, I have divided them as follows:-

- 1913 Printed by Waterlow Bros & Layton.
Background around portrait consists of horizontal lines.
Stamps measure exactly 22mm vertically.
- 1915 Printed by De La Rue & Co.
As above plus:- perforations around stamp are smaller than those of the Waterlow and Bradbury printings and there is a thick perforation tooth at the top of each vertical side.
- 1918 Printed by Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co.Ltd.
As 1913 but:- stamps measure 22.75mm or 23mm vertically.
- 1934 Re-engraved Waterlow printings.
Background around portrait consists of horizontal and diagonal lines.

"I note that the £1 Seahorse has not yet been found perforated. Any information to 2 Morrells Close, Didcot, OX11 7DJ."